

Under-Age Drinking



Are You Willing to
Pay the Price?

*A true story about a young lance
corporal's
choice that set back his career.*

“You make the Choice!”

Each year, our Corps suffers the loss of valuable fighting assets due to an enemy just outside our gates. This enemy is you and the way you drive. Now if you add in alcohol, then the risk continues to rise.

What about those who choose to drink underage? Besides the obvious consequences and danger, what about their career as a Marine? The next few slides will illustrate what a Lance Corporal will lose from drinking underage.

This is how the story goes . . .



1 fifth of Captain Morgan -
\$18.99

Results of NJP for under-age drinking



- Reduction to PFC
- 60 days restriction
- $\frac{1}{2}$ month pay for two months with $\frac{3}{4}$ of that pay suspended

Monthly cost of losing a stripe

2007 Monthly Pay Scale

Base pay for LCPL_____ \$1,534.20

Base pay for PFC_____ \$1,458.90

**TOTAL LOSS_____ \$75.30 per
month**

Time it takes to make up stripe

**8 MONTHS TO BE PROMOTED
TO LANCE CORPORAL AGAIN**



8 months x \$75.30 = \$602.40

\$ in base pay lost

Time to CPL before NJP

- He had one month to go before being eligible for corporal.
- In his MOS he could have picked up corporal on 1 Feb 2007. He would have earned a base pay of \$1,699.50. Instead he got PFC base pay of \$1,458.90.
- It will take him 17 months to be eligible for corporal again.
- This is an estimated loss of \$240.60 per month, had he been a corporal.

17 months x \$240.60 = \$4090.20

\$ Estimated Promotion Earnings Lost



NJP fine

- **One half pay for two months, $\frac{3}{4}$ suspended.**
- **Base pay = \$1,458.90 / 2 = \$729.45 per mo.**
- **$\frac{3}{4}$ suspended fine = \$1,094.17**

Total Fine Received = \$364.73

Other losses and punishment



- Sixty days restriction
- Lost MCMAP gray belt
- Leave cancelled
- **Lost \$620.00** on plane ticket home
- Missed Christmas at home
- Family disappointed
- Loss of confidence from leadership
- Had to give a presentation

Total dollar amount lost

- Bottle of Captain Morgan_____ \$18.99
- 8 months of LCPL base pay lost_____ \$602.40
- Estimated CPL earnings lost_____ \$4090.20
- NJP fine_____ \$364.73
- Plane ticket home_____ \$620.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED LOSS_____ \$5696.32

What he could have done with the money he lost

- Bought a car
- Bought a new ATV
- Invested in Ameritrade 
- Gone on a cruise
- Bought a jet ski
- Paid off $\frac{3}{4}$ of truck payment
- Bought everyone in MALS a \$10 Christmas gift 
- Paid for entire family to visit

Positives

- Life-learning experience
- Learned to think about the whole outcome of something before acting by using the four principles of ORM:
 - *Accept risk when benefits outweigh the cost.*
 - *Accept no unnecessary risks.*
 - *Anticipate and manage risk by planning.*
 - *Make risk decisions at the right level.*

More lessons learned

- Learned how to create a presentation.
- Learned that there are not too many things positive about under-age drinking.

Rum cost analysis **before** NJP

- 1 bottle = 750 ml
- 750 ml = 25 oz
- 25 oz = 25 shots per bottle

1 bottle @ \$18.99 = \$.75 per shot



Rum cost analysis **after** NJP

- 1 bottle = 750 ml
- 750 ml = 25 oz
- 25 oz = 25 shots per bottle

**1 bottle @ \$5696.32 = \$227.85 per
shot**

